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1. During August 1954, the Soviet-controlled Waagner-Biro A Werk in Vienna has been working on the construction of five grab excavators for delivery through USIA to Communist China. Each excavator is to be capable of lifting 25 cubic meters of earth. Other specifications are unknown, though it is estimated that the base plate (Grundplatte) on which the main excavator housing will rest exceeds 4 x 5 meters. A single link of the steel tractor treads which will drive the machines weighs 165 kilograms. Construction is currently proceeding on two excavators.
2. The order for these excavators was received through USIA early in the summer from the Chinese Trade Delegation in Berlin. Information is not available concerning the scheduled date of delivery or terms of payment.

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